

Letters from York

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South Central York Rite Conference in Texas

The 2026 South Central York Rite Conference was held in League City, Texas on September 19-20 at the beautiful South Shore Harbor Hotel. The Conference was well attended and included representation from the members jurisdictions (Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas) and from the General Grand Chapter, Council, and the Grand Encampment.

The Conference allowed the leadership of each of the member states to speak directly to each other, and to those in attendance, about their desires to move York Rite masonry in their respective jurisdictions forward and to make its members happier and more fulfilled during their masonic journey and experience within the York Rite.



The Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Kansas, Patrick C. Carr, spoke for the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas and had the Right Excellent Grand King, Gary B. Strout, speak about the next year of leadership in the Grand Chapter since he will be the next Grand High Priest. Companion Carr addressed the gathering and spoke with them about the importance of unity and how it has helped to advance Capitular, and other branches of masonry, in Kansas.

Most Illustrious Companion Gary B. Strout took to the podium at the Cryptic Session and spoke about the successes the Grand Council of Kansas has seen during the current Cryptic year.

On Saturday, the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Fred Kemp, addressed the members gathered and spoke about the plans and ideas which the Grand Commandery of Kansas has been working on and have put into place.

The 2026 South Central Meetings and Department Conference will be held in Little Rock, Arkansas at the Holiday Inn Little Rock Airport, on Friday and Saturday, September 18-19, 2026.



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News of the Ark



The Grand Chapter members throughout the state of Kansas have continued to be busy during the last quarter. Several Chapters have once again started to confer their own degrees. This is an amazing move forward for the Chapters in Kansas! It has been quite some time since many of our Chapters have embarked upon a conferral of any of the degrees and seeing this makes us all realize our Chapters are becoming stronger and more effective.

There has been some movement within the Grand Chapter Officer line. Excellent Companion Robert Beardsley has asked to

step down from his position as Grand Captain of the Host so that he may better attend to the health of his wife. I understand his position and would like to thank him for his service to our Grand Chapter. Because of the absence this created, I have advanced the line and appointed Excellent Companion Wayne Drake to the position of Grand Royal Arch Captain. Companion Drake will be installed at his stated communication after the first of the year. I thanked both him, and the officers in the line ahead of him, for their resilience in moving up the line a bit earlier than planned. Companion Warren Hughes was also appointed as the Grand Master of the 1st Veil for the rest of the term.

Thank you to each of the officers within the line for being willing to continue to serve this Grand Chapter, and to Companion Beardsley for his wise counsel for many years.

Grand Chapter Officers

Grand High Priest: Patrick C. Carr
Grand King: Gary B. Strout
Grand Scribe: Thomas M. Krauss
Grand Treasurer: T. Michael Fegan, PGHP
Grand Secretary: Allan D. Jackson, PGHP
Grand Chaplain: Anthony J. Pence
Grand Capt. Of Host: Andrew G. Mosley
Grand Prin. Sojourner: L. Kent Needham
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Grand Mast. 3rd Veil: William P. Leonard
Grand Mast. 2nd Veil: Kelly J. Long
Grand Mast. 1st Veil: Warren L. Hughes
Grand Sentinel: Glenn O. Davis
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Grand Musician: Dennis L. Reed
Grand Orator/Lecturer: Delmus R. Morrow

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DDGHP Dist. #2: Juanito J. Ernacio
DDGHP Dist. #3: Curtis A. Utley
DDGHP Dist. #4: Gary A. Mason
DDGHP Dist. #5: Michael K. Colbary

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Grand Council Officers

Grand Master: Gary B. Strout
Deputy Grand Master: Robert B. Haynes
Grand PCW: Wayne D. Drake
Grand Treasurer: T. Michael Fegan, PMIGM
Grand Recorder: Allan D. Jackson, PMIGM
Grand Chaplain: Kelly J. Long
Grand Capt. Guard: Patrick C. Carr
Grand Cond. Council: Frederick R. Kemp
Grand Marshal: Justin D. Crippen
Grand Cust. Work: Warren L. Hughes
Grand Steward: Andrew G. Mosley
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Grand Lecturer: Jamie L. Carwell
Grand Piper: Caleb J. Long

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Arch Master #3: Juanito Ernacio
Arch Master #4: Gary A. Mason, PMIGM
Arch Master #5: Michael K. Colbary
Arch Master: Wayne H. Rollf, PMIGM
Arch Master: H. Wayne Rector, PMIGM
Arch Master: Jamie L. Carwell



2026 has been a good year thus far for the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Kansas. The annual Great Plains Rendezvous was held in Wyoming in June, the Cryptic Deposit Inspection was completed once again in July, and the South Central York Rite Meeting for the Cryptic Councils was held in League City, Texas in September. With all of these things happening, there was also a School of Instruction held in October in Baldwin City for the Council. This means we are active as a Council within our jurisdiction.

With the activity level we have had in Kansas during this year, the success level has seen growth as well. The constituent member Councils of Kansas have been conferring their own degrees and bringing new Cryptic Masons into our beautiful Order. We are having more fulfilling meetings throughout the jurisdiction which includes education during the meeting. Our Most Illustrious Grand Master has been visiting the Councils in Kansas and encouraging them to continue to develop their membership and to confer their own degrees and to provide education to their membership at each meeting.

Cryptic Masonry in Kansas is continuing to grow and it is because of the commitment of the membership. Each member is an important part of the Cryptic experience for all Cryptic Masons here in Kansas. Keep up the good work and the continued fellowship that good work has created!



The Chivalric Orders



The first half of the Templar year in Kansas has seen many different events and gatherings between the Sir Knights. During the last quarter, the Right Eminent Grand Commander, and many of his officers, attended the South Central Department Conference in Texas and met with the officers of the Grand Encampment, and the candidates for election to the office of Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment of Knight Templars of the USA. It was a great conference filled with the sharing of ideas and passions for Templary.

The Grand Commander, and his officers, continue to visit the constituent commandery meetings throughout Kansas and have heard a lot about passion and energy surrounding templarism in Kansas.

Eminent Sir Knight Justin D. Crippen, Grand Generalissimo and the Chairman of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation (KTEF) for Kansas, has spent time attending the commandery meetings and presenting them with their patent and sticker for their contributions to our charity.

With the resignation of Sir Knight Gary B. Strout, the current Grand Captain General, the Grand Commander has made the decision to advance the line and to appoint Sir Knight Kelly J. Long as the Grand Standard Bearer. With this appointment, the office of Grand Piper was caused to be vacated and Sir Knight Caleb J. Long was appointed as the new Grand Piper for the Grand Commandery of Kansas.

The Honor Guard decided to “divide and conquer” for the annual November 11 Veterans Day memorials across the state. One group attended the annual Leavenworth Parade and another continued to serve at Belle Pointe High School for their presentation of the colors and service for veterans in their community.



Grand Commandery Officers

Grand Comm: Frederick R. Kemp
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Grand Capt. Gen.: Delmus R. Morrow
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Grand Recorder: Allan D. Jackson, HPREGC
Grand Std. Bearer: Kelly J. Long
Grand Sword Bearer: Anthony J. Pence
Grand Warder: Robert D. Beardsley
Grand Sentinel: Robert D. Haynes
Grand Audio-Visual: Dennis L. Reed
Grand Piper: Caleb J. Long
Grand Guard: Juanito J. Ernacio
Grand Guard: Kenneth E. Foster
Grand Guard: William Koonce

Aide-de-Camps:

Aide-de-camp: Kent Needham, PREGC
Aide-de-camp: H. Wayne Rolf, PREGC
Aide-de-camp: Wayne D. Drake, PREGC

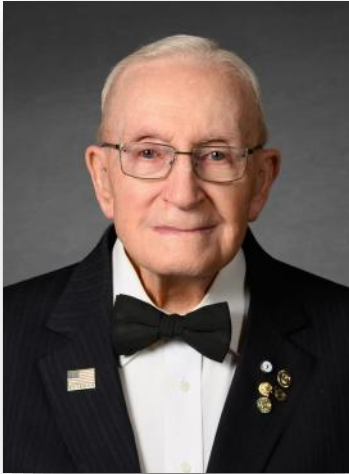
Inspectors:

Inspector #1: Gary B. Strout
Inspector #2: Andrew G. Mosley
Inspector #3: Warren L. Hughes
Inspector #4: Justin D. Crippen
Inspector #5: Robert B. Haynes

Templar Honor Guard:

Justin D. Crippen, Captain
Patrick C. Carr, Co-Captain
Michael Smith, PREGC
Gary A. Mason, PREGC
Andrew G. Mosley
Kelly J. Long
Gary B. Strout

Passing of Most Worshipful Don Robinett



The Grand York Rite of Kansas is sad to report the passing of Most Worshipful Brother, Don E. Robinett, Past Grand Master. M.: W.: Don passed away on October 11, 2025.

Most Worshipful Brother Robinett served the Grand Lodge of Kansas, AF&AM, as Grand Master in 1990. After his service as Grand Master, he served as the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas in 1997.

Prior to serving as MWGM and MEGHP, Companion Robinett served as the Most Illustrious Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of Kansas in 1983, and Sir Knight Robinett was a Past Right Eminent Grand Commander and served the Templar Craft in 1977.

The MEGHP was present when M.:W.: Companion Robinett received his 70 year pin from the Grand Master and provided him with pins from all three of the heads of the York Rite Bodies.

We send condolences to his family, cherish his memory with us, and will continue to pray for his loved ones left behind after his passing. Rest well, good and faithful servant.

2025 Red Cross Ingathering

The 2nd Annual Red Cross of Constantine Kansas Ingathering was held on Saturday, November 1, 2025, at Golden Rule Lodge No. 90 in Topeka, Kansas.

The morning started with coffee and donuts supplied by St. Augustine Conclave for the 30 Sir Knights of the Red Cross who were in attendance at the ingathering.

The Intendant General, Allan Jackson, made opening remarks to the assembled members and the candidates and the conferral of the orders began.

The cast for the three orders was made up of members from the Conclaves of St. Augustine in Topeka, St. Justin in Kansas City, St. David in Salina, Calvary in Wichita, and Crispus in Iola.

Two of the Sir Knights received the Order of

the Knight of the Red Cross of Constantine. During the conferrals of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre and the Order of St. John the Evangelist.

Once the conferrals of all three Orders was completed, Sir Knight Jackson addressed the bodies and informed them the chair degrees for the Puissant Sovereign and Eminent Viceroy would be conferred prior to each Conclave's installation in December.

Lunch was provided by the Heartland Job's Daughters Bethel in Topeka and was enjoyed by everyone.

The 3rd Annual Red Cross of Constantine Ingathering will be held in Newton, Kansas on Saturday, November 7, 2026. We look forward to another great conferral there.



York Rite Sovereign College of North America 2025

The annual meeting of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America was held in Raleigh, North Carolina on August 7-9, 2025.

The meeting was attended by John T. Staton, H. Wayne Rector, Wayne H. Rolf, and Allan D. Jackson, all Past Grand Governors of Kansas College No. 125 in Kansas.

During the meeting, the conferral of the Order of the Purple Cross was held. Companion Patrick C. Carr was the designate from Kansas to receive the OPC for this year and he was honored to serve as one of the exemplars for the degree and to represent the Royal Arch Masons.

Sir Knight Wayne Drake was elected by the membership to receive the OPC for 2026 at the annual meeting in Iowa. Congratulations to Sir Knight Drake on his preferment.



Athelstan Grand Court of England Visit

Most Excellent Companion Patrick C. Carr, the Grand High Priest for the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch masons of Kansas, recently visited England to attend the Grand Court meeting for the Masonic Order of Athelstan in England, Wales, and it's Provinces Overseas. Until February 2025, the Grand Court in America was a province of the Grand Court in England. During Masonic Week 2025, the Grand Court of the United States of America was formed, and Companions Carr and Jarrod R. Adkisson, were made officers of the new Grand Court.



Companions Carr and Adkisson were joined by Companion Kelly J. Long, the Grand Master of the 1st Veile for the Grand Chapter of Kansas. They arrived in London and rented a car to drive to Canterbury to make the required pilgrimage to Canterbury Cathedral for the Order of St. Thomas of Acon. The Cathedral was breathtaking, and the town of Canterbury was quaint and very welcoming. The trio spent time visiting coffee shops, restaurants, and the East Kent Masonic Museum, which had many beautiful masonic artifacts.



After Canterbury, they traveled to the White Cliffs of Dover, which were astoundingly beautiful, before visiting London and Freemasons Hall. The store in Freemasons Hall carried items which were needed for the new Masonic Order of Pilgrim Preceptors, which will be coming to Kansas in 2026. After visiting the store, and the museum and library, the three drove to Surrey to visit Sutton Masonic Hall and attend a Royal Arch meeting. The Grand High Priest of Indiana, Most Excellent

Companion Jason Miller, was in attendance with Companion Jeff Woodward, one of his officers. Companion Simon Polkinghorne, a member of the Welcome Chapter No. 5055, had invited the Companion to attend. At the Indiana Grand Chapter meeting, Companion Polkinghorne was appointed to an office. After the Chapter meeting, the Companions were invited to attend a passing (Fellowcraft degree) in another of the lodge rooms located at the hall. The Chapter provided a wonderful meal and the next stop was Leicester to get ready for the Grand Court meetings.



The Masonic Hall in Leicester was astoundingly beautiful! The Companions were treated to a wonderful meal on Thursday night to celebrate Most Worshipful Paul Johnston's tenure as Grand Master of the Order. The next day our Companions attended a meeting of Coronation Stone Court No. 50 of the Masonic Order of Athelstan. This is the personal Court for the Grand Master. After a wonderful lunch, the Ancient Masonic Order of Alfred the Great was conferred. This is a three degree system intended to honor those who have given



exceptional service to the Order. Companions Adkisson, Carr, and Long were extended invitations to join the Order and received the rank and title of Knight of Alfred the Great, the first grade of the Order.

On Saturday, the Grand Court held their annual meeting and a new Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Charles Aspinell, was elected and installed into the oriental chair as the newest Grand Master of the Order in England. After the meeting had been closed, and to celebrate the occasion, a wonderful meal was prepared and served to all who were in attendance at the meeting.

There were several members of the Grand Court of the United States in attendance during the Grand Court of England's meeting. The Most Worshipful Grand Master, D. Allen Surratt, and several of his officers were in attendance for this auspicious event. Our Companions enjoyed a wonderful trip to England, but their most cherished times included those they spent with the Brethren of the Order from across the globe. They are already planning on going next year!



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Masonic Order of St. Patrick



The Origins of the Masonic Order of St. Patrick, is widely unknown. It was a dormant British Order of chivalry associated with Ireland which was created in 1783, by King George III; at the request of the then, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. The 3rd Earl of Temple (created The 1st Marquess of Buckingham in 1784). The regular creation of Knights of Saint Patrick lasted until 1922; when most of Ireland, gained independence as the Irish Free State, a dominion within what was then known as the British Commonwealth of Nations.

At Masonic Week 2017, a private conferral of the order was performed on Brethren from across the United States which include a group from Northeast Indiana, who would later organize a Council. Like many other side Degrees or macro Orders in Freemasonry; this Order can be conferred on any Brother who meets the criteria from one who has received the Degree/Order himself. Petitioners must be a member of a Lodge, a Chapter, and have taken one of the Chivalric Orders (Knight Masons or Red Branch of Erie).

After Masonic Week 2017, some of the Brethren conferred the Order within their respective States with proper permission having been granted, depending on what Masonic Body it was being nestled under.

In Kansas, the Order has been conferred as a side degree under the AMD since one member received permission from David Hargett of North Carolina, who held the Charter for the Order. The Charter is now held in England by Paul Johnston, who has provided permission, and a Charter, for Kansas to attach the Order to the Knight Masons bodies.

2025 AMD/KM Ingathering a Success

The Fourth Annual Ingathering for the Knight Masons and Allied Masonic Degree Councils in Kansas was once again well attended by the membership.

After coffee and donuts at Emporia Lodge, the three Councils of Knight Masons (Kansas No. 53, Drogheda No. 68, and W. Ron McKenzie No. 134) were opened for joint business and the conferral of the degrees of Knight of the Sword, Knight of the East, and Knight of the East and West was completed on three new members. There were over 40 Cousins in attendance and Past Great Chief of Knight Masons USA, Most Excellent Sir Knight Kevin B. Sample, conferred the final degree and knighted each new Cousin.



After a short lunch, the Kansas Allied Masonic Degree Councils (Loch Lomond No. 235, Blarney Stone No. 360, Sunflower No. 383, and Charles David Williams, III No. 596) were opened for joint business.

The members of Blarney Stone Council conferred the Allied Masonic Degree initiation on four candidates. The Grand Tilers of King Solomon (Sunflower Council), Ark and the Dove (Charles David Williams Council), and the Secret Monitor—American (Loch Lomond Council) degrees were all conferred by the individual Councils.

Once the degrees were completed, the First Grade of the Scarlet Cord was conferred on six new members of the Scarlet Cord. The Second Grade was conferred on seven members who were advanced to that Grade and the Third Grade was conferred on seven members who were advanced to that grade as well.

After the conferrals were completed, and the bodies closed, the annual banquet was held. It was catered by Brother Chris Collins of Wichita with MOAB Catering service. The speaker for the evening, Most Excellent Sir Knight Kevin B. Sample, gave an outstanding and thought-provoking lecture concerning our love and continued commitment to our Brothers within the Masonic fraternity and our need to contact them and let them know of our love, respect, and affection for them.

The 5th Annual Ingathering of the Knight Masons and the AMD will look a bit different in 2026. The plan is to have the Knight Masons Ingathering as a separate meeting and to confer the Order of St. Patrick on that day. The AMD Ingathering will be held on a different day and time to allow for more in-depth discussions and a few paper presentations of interest to the membership.



Combined GYR School of Instruction

Palmyra Lodge in Baldwin City hosted a school of instruction for the three York Rite bodies. The school was taught by Companions H. Wayne Rector, Wayne H. Rolf, and Dale Morrow.

The school was held on Saturday, October 25, and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons started the instruction. The instruction for the three bodies was done jointly by the three instructors from the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, and the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar.

The instruction included the opening and closing of each of the bodies and of the finer points of the signs, words, and the floor work.

The school was well attended and each participant learned more about some of the distinctions in the manner in which Kansas opens and performs the degree work. The Kansas rituals are beautiful, and are worthy of our strict attention to their details.

More schools are planned for the 2026 Grand York Rite year and will be announced in May, 2026 after the Grand York Rite Sessions.

Who was Thomas Beckett?

Brother Kelly J. Long traveled to England to attend the meeting of the Grand Court of Athelstan in England, Wales and it's Provinces Overseas. While in England, he traveled to Canterbury and here is what he learned about Thomas Beckett as he traveled in England.

Recently, I, along with two friends, returned from a week-long trip to Great Britain, from what I thought would be a nice visit to some touristy-type places, and a chance to attend lodge and the Grand Court of Athelstan with our brothers and friends overseas. After a most pleasant 9-hr flight to Heathrow Airport, we were treated to a harrowing car ride to the village of Canterbury. There we checked into a quaint hotel, then took a stroll into town. This is where my perceptions of our trip changed.

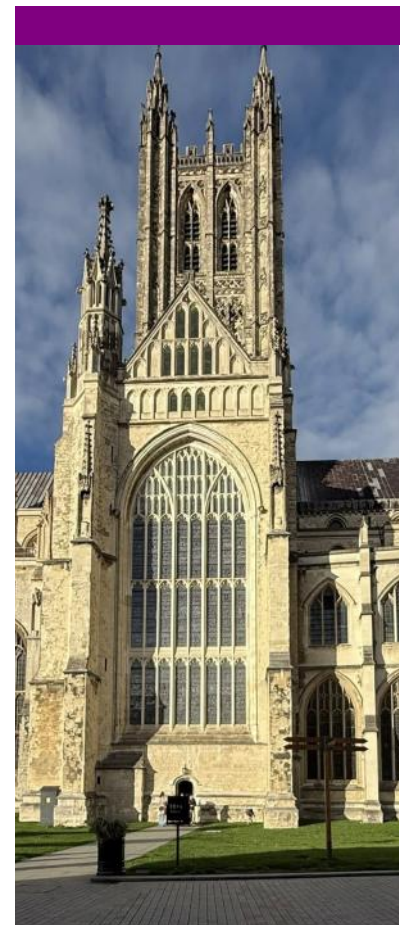
Downtown Canterbury is a well-preserved British medieval town with parts that reflect architectures from several time periods. It is filled with pubs, shops, churches, the remains of an abbey and a monastery, and rising up from the center of town to tower over it, stands the famous Canterbury Cathedral dating back to 597 AD and completely rebuilt starting in 1070 AD. Once entering the cathedral, it became obvious that we were not just there to be tourists, but we were on a pilgrimage of our own to a both ancient and modern religious site, there to learn about the cathedral and about the life and death of one of its most famous of archbishops, St. Thomas Becket.

Gilbert Becket, along with his wife, Mathilda, travelled from Normandy to London to take over and expand his father's merchant trading business. While there, Mathilda gave birth to young Thomas on 21 December 1118 AD. His mother instructed him from an early age in the principles of the Christian faith. At the age of 10 he received his primary education from the Priory of Merton, and at the age of 11 he commenced his secondary education at St. Paul's School in London. At the age of 15 he continued his education in Paris, which at that time was considered the center of education, learning from the great teachers of the time in the Latin Quarter. He returned home to England at the age of 21, where he worked different jobs as clerk for various people, both noble and ecclesiastical, thereby furthering his education in business, law, and Church. Through all this, Thomas continued to follow his mother's teachings, observing the sacraments, communion and confession, and attending Mass. At 30 years of age, he was well known and respected in both Church and national affairs.

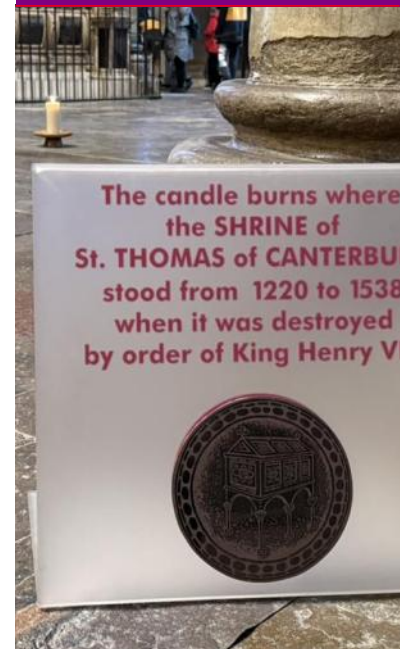
As clerk to Archbishop Theobald of Canterbury, Thomas was instrumental in persuading the Pope in Rome to name Henry Plantagenet to succeed King Henry I as King of England. Upon the death of King Henry I, Henry Plantagenet was crowned King Henry II. On the recommendation of Archbishop Theobald, Henry II appointed Thomas as Chancellor of England, ruling in Henry's place when he was absent. The archbishop had felt that Thomas, as Chancellor of England, would be the Church's man. But Thomas' character was such that he was true and loyal to both the king and to his own position as Chancellor. Later, after the death of Archbishop Theobald, King Henry II appointed Thomas to be Archbishop of Canterbury, and like Theobald before him, Henry thought that Thomas would be the king's man as archbishop, but Thomas remained true to his character and was loyal to the Church and to his position as Archbishop of Canterbury. In other words, Thomas was following Jesus' admonition to, "Give unto Ceaser what belongs to Ceaser, and give unto God what belongs to God."

Though Thomas was an upright and honest man of impeccable character, both to Church and State, his actions made for him powerful enemies in both Church and State. Ultimately on 29 December 1170 AD, Archbishop Thomas Becket was murdered by four of King Henry's knights in his own cathedral at the age of 52. Such was the popularity of Archbishop Becket that within two days of his death, miracles began to happen that were attributed to him. Then beginning during the following spring, pilgrims began travelling to Canterbury to visit the Shrine of Saint Thomas the Martyr, making Canterbury one of the most important pilgrimages in the world. On 21 February 1173, Pope Alexander formally canonized him as Saint Thomas Becket. Pilgrims still visit his shrine where an eternal light still burns today.

I was completely amazed by the cathedral, all it stands for, and everything it includes. There were numerous chapels, each dedicated to different causes and/or saints. We found a huge, beautiful stained-glass window that had been donated by the Freemasons of Kent. It was amazing! And most of all, I was amazed by what I discovered about this honorable man from so long ago. By and through his example, if we each were to take just a small portion and make it our own, we could enrich not only our own lives, but more importantly, the lives of all those around us. Take a moment to study the life and times of St. Thomas Becket and ponder just what it was that made him great in the eyes of so many.



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The York Rite of Freemasonry

The York Rite, or more correctly, the American Rite, is based on the early remnants of Craft Masonry that were practiced in the early 1700's. The formation of the first Grand Lodge of England in 1717 specified that the lodges were to confer only the first three degrees of Craft Masonry.

Three bodies were later formed in the United States to work the degrees no longer controlled by the lodges and includes the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Council of Cryptic Masons, and the Commandery of Knights Templar. These bodies are technically autonomous Masonic entities, only the requirement of membership in the Royal Arch connects the Cryptic degrees and the Chivalric Orders together.

On Saturday, October 18, 2025, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas, Patrick C. Carr, and Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Kansas, Gary B. Strout, traveled to Hutchinson, Kansas for the purpose of having a private meeting with Most Worshipful Brother and Right Eminent Sir Knight, Robert D. McClarty.

During the private ceremony, the MEGHP read a resolution which had been passed by a called meeting of the Grand Chapter and created Companion McClarty as an Honorary Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas. Most Excellent Companion McClarty was presented with his apron, Past Grand High Priest jewel, and certificate during the ceremony.



After the Most Excellent Grand High Priest had completed his task, the Most Illustrious Grand Master of Cryptic Masons in Kansas, Gary B. Strout, read the resolution from the Grand Council and conferred upon Companion McClarty the honor, title, and distinction of Honorary Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of Cryptic Masons in Kansas for all his hard work and devotion to Cryptic Masonry in Kansas. Most Illustrious Companion McClarty received his apron, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master jewel, and a certificate showing his new rank and title within the Craft.



Most Excellent and Illustrious Companion McClarty was instrumental in beginning the pathway for the success the Grand York Rite has seen through his Unity Council creation and his belief in the unity of masonry throughout Kansas. These honors are for all of us to thank him for his service to our Craft in all its forms and Orders in Kansas.

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